



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This response is filed in response to a non-final Office Action having a mailing date of September 9, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a Request for a three-month extension of time with the requisite fee, to extend the time for responding from December 9, 2004 to March 9, 2005. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, but if fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin with the Listing of Claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.